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REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action¹ of March 24, 2006. Claims 1-32 were presented for examination. Claims 2-4, 13, 14, 23 and 29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten per the Office Action, page 14. No claims are added. Claims 2, 13, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 32 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-21, 24, 26, 28, 30-31 are pending.

Per the Office Action, page 2, Applicant's arguments filed December 29, 2005 with respect to the rejections of claims 1, 12, 19, 24 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) were fully considered and were persuasive. A new grounds of rejection is made. Applicant does not acquiesce in this new grounds of rejection.

Claims 1, 5-12, 15-22, 24-28 and 30-32 -31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being un-patentable over Aura, U.S. Patent No. 6,711,400 B1 (referred to hereinafter as "Aura") in view of Applicant's admitted prior art (referred to hereinafter as "APA"). Applicant traverses this rejection for the following reasons.

On page 14 of the Office Action, it indicates that claims 2-4, 13-14, 23 and 29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has included the allowable limitations of claim 2 into independent claim 1, the allowable limitations of claim 13 into independent claim 12, the allowable limitations of claim 23 along with limitations of intervening claim 22 into

¹ The Office Action may contain a number of statements characterizing the cited references and/or the claims which Applicant may not expressly identify herein. Regardless of whether or not any such statement is identified herein, Applicant does not automatically subscribe to, or acquiesce in, any such statement. Further, silence with regard to rejection of a dependent claim, when such claim depends, directly or indirectly, from an independent claim which Applicant deems allowable for reasons provided herein, is not acquiescence to such rejection of that dependent claim, but is recognition by Applicant that such previously lodged rejection is moot based on remarks and/or amendments presented herein relative to that independent claim.

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independent claim 19, and the allowable limitations of claim 29 along with limitations of intervening claims 25 and 27 into independent claim 24. Therefore, currently amended independent claims 1, 12, 19 and 24 each recites allowable limitations and are allowable.

Other amendments were made to certain dependent claims to conform their dependencies to non-canceled claims.

All pending dependent claims, dependent directly, or indirectly, from one or the other of these allowable independent claims, are allowable at least for reasons based on their respective dependencies.

Claim 32 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicant expressly reserves its rights to pursue breadth of claim coverage consistent with canceled claim 32 and/or the other independent claims prior to this instant amendment, by way of a continuation application or the like. This amendment is made solely to expedite an early allowance with respect to the allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue.

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CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested based on the above amendments and remarks. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims and, therefore, this application are in condition for allowance.

If there are any remaining issues or if the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (972) 718-4800.

To the extent necessary, a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made, the fee for which should be charged to deposit account number 07-2347. Please charge any other fees due, or credit any overpayment made to that account.

Respectfully submitted,

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